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Sir:

Pursuant the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of each document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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